

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

I am pleased to transmit the 2006 National Drug Control Strategy prepared by my Administration, consistent with the Office of National Drug Control Reauthorization Act of 1998 (21 U.S.C. 1705).

Four years ago, my Administration issued its first National Drug Control Strategy. That Strategy set out an ambitious, balanced plan to reduce drug use in our Nation. Since 2001, drug use by 8th, 10th, and 12th graders has dropped by 19 percent, translating to nearly 700,000 fewer young people using drugs.

I appreciate the support the Congress has given for previous Strategies. I look forward to your continued support as we work together on this critical endeavor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "George" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "W. Bush".

THE WHITE HOUSE